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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and was called to order by the Honorable TIM HUTCHINSON, a Senator from the State of Arkansas.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, life can be simply awful or awfully simple. Today, we choose the awfully simple but sublime secret of a great day: Your work, done on Your power, achieves Your results on Your timing. We reject the simplistic idea that things work out, and ask You, dear Lord, to work out things. Before us is a new day filled with more to do than we can accomplish on our own strength. You have given us the power of inspired imagination to envision a day in which what is truly important gets done. Help us to move expeditiously through today's work, to listen to You and each other, and to make guided decisions. Pull our anchors out of the mud of combative competition, lift our sails, and remind us that it is Your set of our sails, and not the gales, that determines where we will go.

Lord, we believe that the work we will do this day is crucial for our Nation. This is the day You have given. We intend to live to the fullest with Your guidance, by Your power, and for Your glory. In the name of the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Amen.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 28, 1998.

To The Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, section 3, of the Standing Rules of the

Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable TIM HUTCHINSON, a Senator from the State of Arkansas, to perform the duties of the Chair.

STROM THURMOND,

President pro tempore

Mr. HUTCHINSON thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The acting majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, this morning the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 10:45 a.m. Following morning business, the Senate will proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the treaty on NATO enlargement. Senator HARKIN will then be recognized to offer an amendment regarding U.S. costs.

Under the previous order, there will be 2 hours equally divided for debate on the amendment. At 12:45 p.m., the Senate will recess until 2:15 p.m., to allow the weekly party caucuses to meet.

When the Senate reconvenes at 2:15, there will be 10 minutes of debate equally divided for closing remarks on the State Department Reauthorization Conference Report. Following that debate, at 2:25 p.m., the Senate will proceed to the first of two stacked rollcall votes. The first vote will be on the adoption of the State Department Conference Report, to be immediately followed by a vote on or in relation to the Harkin amendment. Members should expect further rollcall votes throughout Tuesday's session on amendments to NATO enlargement, or any other legislative or executive items cleared for action.

I thank my colleagues for their attention.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 10:45 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

Under the previous order, the Senator from Maine is recognized to speak for up to 15 minutes.

Ms. COLLINS. I thank the Chair.

(The remarks of Ms. COLLINS and Mr. FEINGOLD pertaining to the introduction of S. 1993 are located in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

Ms. COLLINS. If there is no other Senator seeking recognition, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DORGAN. I ask unanimous consent to speak for 10 minutes in morning business.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator is recognized.

THE FEDERAL RESERVE

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, this morning the front page of the Washington Post has an article that says, "Interest Rate Fears Drive Stocks Down." The article makes the point that the Dow Jones average tumbled 147 points yesterday. And John Berry, in the

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